

the American College of Surgeons. Throughout his career, he was known for his tireless efforts to ensure the inclusion of African Americans, women and other severely underrepresented minorities in the training and practice of surgery. Dr. Organ passed away in Oakland on June 18, 2005 at the age of 78.

A native Texan, Dr. Organ attended public school in Denison, Texas and received his B.S. degree from Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Though he was initially accepted at the University of Texas medical school, he did not attend after school officials discovered that he was black and offered to pay his expenses if he enrolled elsewhere. He instead chose to attend Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, where he received his M.D. in 1952, and where he later completed his surgical residency.

After serving as a Lieutenant Commander MC in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1957 until 1959, Dr. Organ joined the faculty of the department of surgery at Creighton University in 1960. There, he rose to the rank of professor and chair of the department, and later became a professor of surgery at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, where he served from 1982 until 1988.

Dr. Organ came to Oakland in 1989 to establish and lead the University of California, Davis/University of California, San Francisco East Bay Surgery Department. In that role, he became known for his work in building the department into a highly respected training program, and made a concerted effort to recruit and support African American students, particularly African American women, who were studying to become surgeons. Throughout his career he oversaw the training of dozens of surgeons, all of whom looked to him for guidance as a teacher and a mentor, and strived to emulate the professional and personal excellence that marked his career and conduct.

While practicing medicine and educating residents, Dr. Organ also served as a member of a number of professional and academic medical associations. He was the editor of the prestigious *Journal of American Medical Association's Archives of Surgery* for 15 years, and in 1999 was honored by the American College of Surgeons with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Over the course of his career, he authored or co-authored more than 250 scientific articles and book chapters as well as five books. In addition, Dr. Organ spent many years serving as president of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, president of the Board of Trustees of Xavier University, and as president of the Urban League of Omaha.

On Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the family and friends of Dr. Claude H. Organ, Jr. will gather to pay tribute to his extraordinary life. In addition to his myriad scientific and academic contributions to the surgical field, Dr. Organ leaves a legacy of excellence in his commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity for all surgical students and residents. Dr. Organ's work as a healer, a teacher and a mentor changed countless lives, and I salute and thank him for all that he has given to people of the 9th Congressional District, the Bay Area and our country.

IN HONOR OF BART AND CHERRY STARR AND THE RAWHIDE BOYS RANCH

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize before this House a wonderful program that has helped hundreds of young men across Wisconsin turn their lives around—the Rawhide Boys Ranch.

Forty years ago an idea was born. The idea was to start a program to help troubled boys get a new start on life—a program that would teach them how to become good citizens, husbands and fathers. It was called the Rawhide Boys Ranch, and since opening its doors so many years ago hundreds of boys have successfully passed through the program, becoming positive, productive young men. Today, Rawhide has grown into one of the most successful faith-based programs in Wisconsin, and it has literally paved the way for scores of other organizations dedicated to helping young folks.

In 1965, the year the Green Bay Packers were crowned football world champions, quarterback Bart Starr was one of the most celebrated figures in professional sports. It was then, while his star was shining brightest, that Bart and his wife Cherry were approached by a local businessman and his wife with the dream for Rawhide Boys Ranch. Well, it didn't take John and Jan Gillespie long to sell the Starrs on their dream, and a short while later Rawhide was born. Since then, these remarkable folks have spent countless hours mentoring young men, raising funds, telling others about their amazing program, and serving as shining examples for us all.

Mr. Speaker, when Rawhide Boys Ranch was founded 40 years ago, no one could have predicted it would become such an overwhelming success. It has changed lives, touched hearts, and given families hope that a brighter future lies ahead. And, it is my distinct privilege to recognize John and Jan Gillespie, Bart and Cherry Starr, and the Rawhide Boys Ranch today.

IN HONOR OF THE NBA CHAMPION
SAN ANTONIO SPURS

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to recognize our 2005 National Basketball Association champions, the San Antonio Spurs.

After going head to head for 6 games, the Spurs and the Detroit Pistons met for their final showdown in San Antonio Thursday night. In front of their hometown crowd, the Spurs demonstrated once again why they are the best team in the Nation.

Following a tight and evenly matched first half, the Spurs pulled away from the Pistons in the final quarter to win 81–74 over Detroit, closing out an incredibly hard fought championship series four games to three.

Congratulations are also due to the Detroit Pistons and their coach, Larry Brown, for putting up a battle worthy of a championship series.

With the NBA's number one and number two defensive teams battling against one another for the title, this was an exciting game not only for the Alamo City, but for fans around the Nation and in more than 200 nations around the world where sports fans watched and cheered.

Under the guidance of Coach Gregg Popovich, the Spurs' Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker, Robert Horry, Bruce Bowen, Nazr Mohammed, Brent Barry, Beno Udrih, Rasha Nesterovic, Glenn Robinson, Devin Brown, and Tony Massenburg played valiantly to bring the NBA trophy back home to San Antonio. My congratulations go as well to the Spurs' owners, Peter and Julianna Holt, as well as the many other people in the Spurs organization.

Much credit is due to Tim Duncan, who with 25 points and 11 rebounds, was appropriately named the Most Valuable Player of the Finals series. This marks the third time he has won the award for his outstanding athletic skills, leadership and performance on the court.

This is the Spurs' third championship victory in franchise history. They won their first in 1999, followed by their second in 2003. Three titles in 7 years isn't just a magnificent accomplishment—it's a basketball dynasty.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank Coach Popovich and all the Spurs players for an unforgettable season.

HONORING TASK FORCE PHOENIX
IV, THE 53RD BRIGADE COMBAT
TEAM

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this morning I had the great honor to join in ceremonies at Camp Shelby, Mississippi as we sent Task Force IV, The 53rd Brigade Combat Team headquartered in Pinellas Park, Florida to join Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The backbone of this task force operation is a contingent of 1,200 citizen soldiers from Florida National Guard units. They will be led in this operation by Brigadier General John M. "Mitch" Perryman, the first Florida General Officer to deploy and lead a Florida formation in combat overseas since World War II.

These 1,200 patriots from Florida, along with 250 soldiers from units in Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa, Nebraska, and Vermont, were mobilized in April to begin their training and preparation for this mission to train the Afghan National Army. An advance party from the 53rd Brigade is already in Afghanistan preparing for the arrival of this unit.

The 53rd Infantry Brigade has earned a national reputation for excellence and achievement in service to our Nation and our great State of Florida. It was among the first units in the Nation to be activated following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Their mission was to guard airports, seaports and nuclear facilities.

Members of the 53rd also proudly served side by side with Special Operations forces,

the 3rd Infantry Division, and the Marine Expeditionary Force during Operation Iraqi Freedom. They fought for nearly a year in the streets of Baghdad and Ramadhi.

Many of those soldiers returned in April 2004 and were quickly deployed last summer to assist Floridians throughout our state who were devastated by four hurricane strikes. They served for up to 70 days helping with our state-wide recovery effort.

A large number of the troops my wife Beverly and I met with today at Camp Shelby are eagerly volunteering for a return to Southwest Asia to serve with Task Force Phoenix after having served earlier tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The troops that deploy for this mission join 1,976 Florida Army Guard and 200 Florida Air Guard troops who are currently deployed overseas. Since 9/11, 6,980 of the Florida Guard's 12,000 soldiers and airmen have been activated overseas to join in the international war on terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor and a privilege to be with these soldiers today to see the spirit of pride and devotion with which they serve. They are America's Team that seeks to root out terrorists to protect our nation and our allies. Their motto is "From the Front!" which is where Florida's Guardsmen have found themselves over the almost 4 years that we have fought this international campaign against terrorists. Under the outstanding leadership of Florida's Adjutant General Douglas Burnett, the 53rd Brigade Combat Team is ready to carry out this latest mission to serve as ambassadors for freedom and peace overseas. They are a credit to our state, our Nation, and the United States Army.

HONORING FRANK PEPE PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, early in the twentieth century, Frank Pepe, an Italian immigrant living in New Haven, created the first American pizza by putting tomatoes on top of old bake-shop bread. The creation was so popular that he opened America's first pizzeria on Wooster Street—and so the local legend of Pepe's pizza is recounted. Today, I am proud to stand and join the thousands of Pepe's fans across the Nation in extending my sincere congratulations to Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana and the Pepe Family as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this New Haven institution!

When Frank and Filomena opened their pizzeria in 1925, pizza was not considered a delicacy or a treat that you found on every street corner—in fact, it was a peasant meal. With hard work, countless hours, and dedication the Pepe's created a successful business that carried themselves and their extended family through the Great Depression and allowed them to raise their two children, Elizabeth and Serafina (Betty and Sarah). Throughout the years, Pepe's popularity grew outside the Italian-American community of Wooster Street and for four generations enthusiastic cus-

tomers have returned with their own families. The excitement and loyalty of their customers has never wavered—a truth that is reflected in the long lines of anxious patrons that are a constant on Wooster Street.

In fact, Pepe's has even inspired other pizza entrepreneurs, the first of which was Frank's nephew Sal Consiglio who opened his own restaurant, Sally's, just steps from his uncle's restaurant. Years later another former employee opened Randy's Wooster Street Pizza Shop.

When Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana first opened in 1925, it was the dream of Frank and his wife Filomena to have a successful neighborhood business where friends and neighbors could gather. Frank and Filomena could have only dreamed of the success their small business has come to be. Four generations later, the business is still run by family and the walls are still adorned with family photos as well as those of Bill Murray, Meryl Streep, and Matthew Broderick—just a few of the stars who have dined at Pepe's in the past. Their pizza is legendary and the ambience is unforgettable—enjoyed by neighbors and celebrities alike. However, it is not just the pizza that make Pepe's such a special part of our community. It is the history and community spirit of Frank Pepe and his family that has made it a New Haven landmark.

Today, as they mark their 80th anniversary, it is not just a celebration of a successful family business, but of a thriving community treasure. It is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to join Frank Pepe's children, Elizabeth and Serafina, grandchildren, Anthony, Francis, Lisa, Bernadette, Genevieve, Jennifer, and Gary, as well as their family, friends, and extended family of customers and fans as they celebrate this very special occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD COUNCIL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize several members of my district who have given their time in support of Congressional Award program.

Since 1979, the Congressional Award program has encouraged young people around the Nation to learn about their community, their government and themselves. Taking part in the program, young men and women ages 14 through 23 challenge themselves to accomplish established goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and an expedition. Participants earn bronze, silver and gold medals based on their levels of achievement. This is a non-competitive, highly individualized program allowing all young people, whether fit or disabled, affluent or disadvantaged, to get involved.

Within Florida's First District, I have had the unparalleled support of the Congressional Award Council, most recently led by Martha Krehely. This council is one of only four chartered in the nation and has been a backbone in nurturing the program over the last decade.

Mrs. Krehely, along with her husband Don, Ann Ball, Jacqueline Young, Margaret Restucher, James Sheffer, Lamar Smith, Thomas Gilliam, Honor Bell, Henry Giles and Jeff Weeks, have selflessly devoted hundreds of hours over the years to young men and women working to achieve their goals. Through their efforts the program has grown so that over 120 young adults are currently participating.

Their tireless commitment led to dozens of participants earning their bronze, silver and gold medals. As several members move on to other challenges, we can all be grateful for the strength and character they helped foster in the lives of our future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the First Congressional District's Congressional Award Council and wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP) FUNDING

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, ADAP, and the dire need for increased funding to help meet the needs of Americans living with HIV and AIDS. This necessary program provides medication to under and uninsured HIV/AIDS patients. Without ADAP, these people would not be able to obtain the necessary medication to prolong and improve their lives.

Every year since its inception, the number of people helped by ADAP has increased dramatically. While we are all aware of the limited resources this committee has been given to meet its many pressing needs, the ADAP program is simply and urgently a matter of life and death for over 136,000 Americans each year.

ADAP has been given a \$10 million increase in this year's appropriations bill over last year, but the reality is that to keep pace with current and anticipated patient needs, ADAP requires a funding increase of \$303 million. Without this funding, some 25,000–35,000 HIV+ Americans who may have relied on ADAP will not be able to this year.

In my home state of New York, where more than 22,000 people are enrolled in ADAP each year, I know first-hand the importance of the ADAP program. New York has been particularly hard-hit by the AIDS epidemic, with more than 160,000 residents diagnosed with AIDS, and 150,000 to 200,000 persons currently living with HIV/AIDS. The state government has been extremely supportive of ADAP, appropriating \$60 million for 2005 to supplement the federal program.

Despite New York's statewide commitment, there are dozens of states that find themselves unable to keep up with the demand for coverage under ADAP. As documented in the National ADAP Monitoring Report, some states are being forced to take drastic measures to offset the federal funding shortfall, including establishing waiting lists for AIDS medications, reducing drug coverage, and restricting eligibility.